

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-13 are pending herein following the above amendment, Claim 10 having been previously cancelled.

The specification has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection to the specification as containing grammatical and translation errors. A substitute specification complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.52(a) and (b) and 1.125 (marked-up copy showing changes from the immediate prior version of the specification of record and a clean copy) is attached herein. Applicants state that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Claims 3-9, and 11-13 have been amended to conform to idiomatic English and to standard U.S. patent claim practice. Support for the amendments to claims 3-9 and 12 is provided in the claims as originally filed, particularly original claim 10. Support for the amendments to claims 11 and 13 is provided by original claim 12, and the specification, *inter alia*, from page 13, line 14 to page 14, line 31.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-9 and 12 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner stated that in claim 1, "Am" is defined as an amino acid radical; however, claims 4-9 recites the limitation "AM" in line 2 of each claim and thus, there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims. In claim 3, the Examiner stated that the expression "exists at least singly as Am" is not understood and renders the claim confusing.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 3 to remove the ambiguity by replacing the term "exists at least singly as -Am" with "at least one of the R2 comprises -Am." Claims 4-9 have been amended to replace "AM" with "Am" as defined in claim 1. Regarding claim 12, Examiner did not state in the Office Action the grounds for a second paragraph rejection; however, Applicants have amended the claim to remove the words "in particular" and replace the acronym "IV" with "intravenous."

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 101

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11 and 13 for reciting a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 11 and 13 such that they comply with standard U.S. claim practice by deleting the "use" language and adding method/process language as supported by the specification.

Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments above and the claims are now in condition for examination, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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